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OCTOBER MILK PRICES INCREASED FROM SEPTEMBER

Prices received by New York producers for milk sold during October were up from a month earlier, according to Steve Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Office. The price of eggs also increased. The price of corn, hay, oats, soybeans, winter wheat, potatoes, and apples decreased. Many previous month prices were revised due to more complete sales information.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$13.80 per hundredweight of milk sold during October, up \$1.00 from September but \$4.00 less than October a year ago. Poultry producers received an average of 66.5 cents per dozen eggs sold, up 9.5 cents from September but 25 cents lower than last year.

Grain corn, at \$3.81 per bushel, was down 15 cents from September and decreased \$1.41 from last year. Hay averaged \$115.00 per ton, down \$12.00 from September and down \$5.00 from October 2008. Winter Wheat, at \$4.14 per bushel, was down 30 cents from September and decreased \$1.10 from October 2008. Soybeans averaged \$9.00 per bushel, down 97 cents from September, but up \$1.08 from October 2008. Potatoes averaged 12.90 per hundredweight, down 20 cents from September and \$3.80 from last year at this time. Apples, at 26.1 cents per hundredweight, were down 21 cents from last year.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 135 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 9 points (7.1 percent) from September. The Crop Index is up 11 points (7.7 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, corn, milk, and broccoli and lower prices for broilers, cattle, snap beans, and cucumbers. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed offset decreased marketings of milk, wheat, grapes, and sweet corn. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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